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## Resolution adopted by the General Assembly

[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/56/653)*]

### 56/239. Information technology

*The General Assembly*,

*Recalling* its resolution 54/249 of 23 December 1999, by which it requested the Secretary-General to develop a comprehensive strategy for the development and implementation of information technology,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information technology in the Secretariat: a plan of action",[1] and endorses the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions thereon;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to resubmit the plan of action, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 1 above and:

(*a*) Developing a specific plan to improve efficiency through the application of information technology in the Secretariat and the action required to implement it;

(*b*) Defining clearly the responsibilities of the different bodies in the application and integration of information technology within the United Nations;

(*c*) Addressing the objective of improving decision-making with respect to information technology in the Secretariat by improving coordination and reducing duplication;

(*d*) Developing a cost-benefit analysis for use in identifying information technology priorities;

(*e*) Developing an implementation plan for those priorities;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to submit for the consideration of the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session a single report containing the information requested in the present resolution.

*92nd plenary meeting*
*24 December 2001*

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[1] A/55/780.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7), chap. I, sect. E, paras. 80–94.